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DOC DATE: 08/08/2000

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09/576,831

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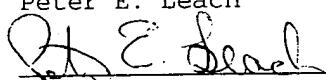
## ASSIGNMENT

I, Peter E. Leach, of 20 Springwood Drive, Hooksett, NH 03106; and I, Christopher M. Gallant, of 21 Ledge Farm Road, Nottingham, NH 03290, referred to below as "ASSIGNOR", have certain rights in an invention entitled SEGMENTED SEPARABLE FASTENER, and which is found in a U.S. Patent Application, filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on May 23, 2000, U.S.S.N. 09/576,831 (the "INVENTION"). In consideration of One Dollar and other valuable consideration paid to me by VELCRO INDUSTRIES B.V., a Netherlands corporation, having its principal place of business at Castorweg 22-24, Curacao, The Netherlands Antilles ("ASSIGNEE"), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR does hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE its successors and assigns, ASSIGNOR'S entire right, title and interest for the United States of America and all foreign countries including all rights of priority in said INVENTION or improvement(s) in the INVENTION, patent application(s) and patent(s) listed above and in all Letters Patent of the United States and all foreign countries which may or shall be granted on said INVENTION(s), or any parts thereof, or on said applications, or any divisional, continuing, reissue or other applications based in whole or in part thereon. And ASSIGNOR agrees, for ASSIGNOR and ASSIGNOR'S heirs, successors and assigns with said ASSIGNEE and its successors and assigns but at its expense and charges, hereafter to do all acts necessary or proper to secure the grant of Letters Patent in the United States and in all other countries to said ASSIGNEE, with specifications and claims in such form as shall be approved by the counsel of said ASSIGNEE and to vest and confirm in said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, the legal title to all such patents.

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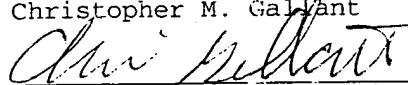
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The above named Peter E. Leach and Christopher M. Gallant personally appeared and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed, before me, on the date indicated.

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

[X] In re application of: Peter E. Leach and Christopher M. Gallant

Serial No.: 09/576,831 Group No.: 1772  
Filed: May 23, 2000 Examiner:  
For: SEGMENTED SEPARABLE FASTENER

[ ] Patent No: Issued:

*\*Note Insert name(s) of inventor(s) and title also for patent.*

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents**  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**POWER OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE OF ENTIRE INTEREST  
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As assignee of record of the entire interest of the above identified

[X] application,

[ ] patent,

**REVOCATION OF PRIOR POWERS OF ATTORNEY**

all powers of attorney previously given are hereby revoked and

**NEW POWER OF ATTORNEY**

the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) are hereby appointed to prosecute and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

*(list name and registration number)*

Steven J. Weissburg

Reg. No. 31-581

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[ ] Attached as part of this power of attorney is the authorization of the above-named attorney(s) to accept and follow instructions from my representative(s).

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### ASSIGNEE CERTIFICATION

Attached to this power is a "CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)".

AUG 14 2000

Date

Signature

  
Robert J. Huyzen

(type or print name of person authorized to sign on  
behalf of assignee)

Managing Director  
Title

NOTE: The assignee of the entire interest may revoke previous powers and be represented by an attorney of his or her selection. 37 CFR 1.36.

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## Certificate Under 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant: Peter E. Leach and Christopher M. Gallant  
Application No.: 09/576,831 Filed: May 23, 2000  
For: SEGMENTED SEPARABLE FASTENER  
Velcro Industries B.V., a corporation  
(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership,  
university, government agency, etc.)

certifies that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of either:

A.  An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application identified above. The assignment is being recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office. A copy thereof is attached.

OR

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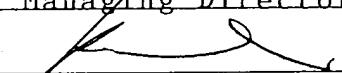
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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this certificate on behalf of the assignee.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: AUG 14 2000  
Name: Robert J. Huyzen  
Title: Managing Director  
Signature: 

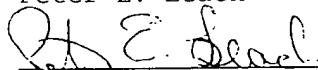
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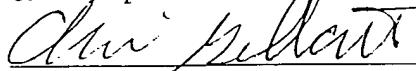
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## DECLARATION

*(ORIGINAL, DESIGN, NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT, SUPPLEMENTAL,  
DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION OR C-I-P)*

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

### TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is of the following type: (check one applicable item below)

- original
- design
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- national stage of PCT

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- divisional
- continuation
- continuation-in-part (C-I-P)

### INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

*WARNING: If the inventors are each not the inventors of all the claims, an explanation of the facts, including the ownership of all the claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, should be submitted.*

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

### TITLE OF INVENTION

SEGMENTED SEPARABLE FASTENER

### SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

the specification of which: (*complete (a), (b) or (c)*)

- (a)  is attached hereto.
- (b)  was filed on May 23, 2000 as Serial No. 09/576,831.

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(c)  was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_ (if any).

### **SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION (37 C.F.R. § 1.67(b))**

*(complete the following where a supplemental declaration is being submitted)*

I hereby declare that the subject matter of the  
 attached amendment  
 amendment filed on \_\_\_\_\_

was part of my/our invention before the filing date of the original application, above-identified, for such invention.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information,

which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56

*(also check the following items, if desired)*

and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, and  
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### **PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d))**

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §§ 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at

least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

(complete (d) or (e))

(d)  no such applications have been filed.  
(e)  such applications have been filed as follows.

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**A. PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S) FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS (6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS APPLICATION AND ANY PRIORITY CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d)**

Country (or indicate if PCT)	Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)	Priority Claimed Under 37 USC 119
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**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S) (34 U.S.C. § 119(e))**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

Provisional Application Number	Filing Date

**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER US/PCT APPLICATION(S) UNDER 35 U.S.C. 120**

The claim for the benefit of any such applications are set forth in the attached ADDED PAGES TO COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION OR CONTINUATION-IN-PART (C-I-P) APPLICATION.

**ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS (6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION**

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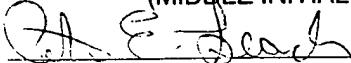
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### SIGNATURE(S)

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**Full name of sole or first inventor**

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Inventor's signature   
Date 8/3/00 Country of Citizenship USA  
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**Full name of second joint inventor, if any**

Christopher M. Gallant  
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Residence 21 Ledge Farm Road, Nottingham, NH 03290  
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**Full name of third joint inventor, if any**

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